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Acting Chairman Clyburn Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Clyburn:

On behalf of Vermillion School District which educates 1230 students K-12, I write to express our strong support for the nomination of AASA Executive Director Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. We were pleased to support Dr. Domenech in his initial nomination in 2012, and we look forward to his continued leadership with USAC. We welcome the opportunity to submit this letter of support.

As a public school system in South Dakota, Vermillion School District supports the nomination of Dr. Domenech to the USAC board. Vermillion School District supports the important mission of the E-Rate program, and has successfully implemented technology programs over the years as a result of the support of the E-Rate program.

Dr. Domenech's leadership at AASA—and AASA's proven track record as an excellent advocate for the E-Rate program—make us confident that he will be a strong addition to the USAC Board.

With more than 40 years of experience in public education, Dr. Domenech has extensive education and leadership experience, including first-hand experience of the critical role of telecommunications and connectivity in schools. Beyond his years in the classroom, which include extensive teaching and leadership experience, Dr. Domenech has served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, on the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, and on the Board of Overseers for the Baldrige Award. He is currently chair for Communities in Schools of Virginia, the Learning First Alliance, the Educational Research Service and the Board of Visitors for the College of Education at the University of West Georgia. He serves on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Student Clearinghouse, Americas Promise, the Center for Naval Analyses, and the Sea Research Foundation.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your approval of Dr. Domenech's nomination to the USAC Board of directors, representing schools that are eligible to receive discounts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Mark Froke Superintendent